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April 26, 2021

Susan Worthington
Campaign Finance Analyst
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/20-9/30/20)

Dear Ms. Worthington:

This letter is in response to your request for additional information, dated March 21, 2021.

Items 1 & 2: Your letter indicates that the above referenced report disclosed contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the act:

Joy Ashlock: A refund in the amount of \$50 was issued 11/9/20. This did not itemize on the Post-General report because it was below the threshold for itemization.

James Barton: A refund in the amount of \$450 was issued on 10/30/20. This was disclosed on the Post General Report.

Sally Bemis: A refund in the amount of \$75.83 was issued on 11/24/20. This did not itemize on the Year End Report because it was below the threshold for itemization.

Narindra Bewtra: A refund in the amount of \$100 was issued on 11/24/20. This did not itemize on the Year End Report because it was below the threshold for itemization.

Betsy Bratz: A refund in the amount of \$1500 was issued on 11/1/20. This was disclosed on the Post General Report. Due to issues with data received thru WinRed, the donor was a duplicate in our system. An additional refund in the amount of \$1500 was issued on 3/22/21. This was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Barbara Burgess: Due to issues with data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. An additional refund in the amount of \$1485 was issued on 3/22/21. This was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

James Carreker: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 11/24/20. This did not itemize on the Year End Report because it was below the threshold for itemization.

Vincent Carrozza: These are two different donors and there is no excessive contribution.

W. Tobin Cassels/W.T. Cassels: These are two different donors and there is no excessive contribution.

Richard Forman: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 8/27/20. This did not itemize on the October Quarterly Report because it was below the itemization threshold. An additional refund in the amount of \$5600 was issued on 11/24/20 and was disclosed on the Year End Report.

Lenita Fryar: A refund in the amount of \$50 was issued on 10/30/20. This was not itemized on the Post General Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Murray Goodman: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 10/23/20. This was not itemized on the Post General Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

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Bruce Holecek: A refund in the amount of \$1 was issued on 11/24/20. This was not itemized on the Year End Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

James/Jim Horvath: Due to an issue with the data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$1550 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on our April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Jeffrey Hwang: Due to an issue with the data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$2800 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on our April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

M. Hwang: These are two different donors and there is no excessive contribution.

Judith Jenkins: Due to an issue with the data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$750 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on our April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Francis/Frank Leonard: This donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$2800 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on our April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Jon Leonhardt: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 11/9/20. This was not itemized on the Post General Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Linda Levy: The refund for the 2020 General on 8/7/20 was for \$6300, not \$500 as noted in this request for additional information. No further refunds are required.

Tom Lewis: A refund in the amount of \$100 was issued on 11/14/20. This was not itemized on the Post General Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Marjorie Lyne: Due to issues with data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$194.45 was issued on 3/22/21. This was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Patricia Marvil: Due to issues with data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. An additional refund in the amount of \$1328 was issued on 3/22/21. This was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Mike McKinley: A refund in the amount of \$50 was issued on 11/21/20. This was not itemized on the Post General Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

J.D. Nichols: This donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$2200 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Alan Nierenberg: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 11/24/20. This was not itemized on the Year End Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians: A refund in the amount of \$2200 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Susan R. Price: Due to an issue with the data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$529 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on our April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

R. William Schrimpf: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 11/24/20. This was not itemized on the Year End

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Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Andrew Shea: This donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$2803 was issued on 3/22/21 and this was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Charles B. Siekman: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 10/29/20. This was not itemized on the Post General Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Mike Sodrel: A refund in the amount of \$25 was issued on 11/20/20. This was not itemized on the Post General Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Tracy Sue: A refund in the amount of \$18 was issued on 9/28/20. This was not itemized on the October Quarterly Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Davis Summers: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 9/29/20. This was not itemized on the October Quarterly Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

Ronald Ulrich: Due to issues with data received thru WinRed, this donor was a duplicate in our system. A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 11/24/20. This was not itemized on the Year End Report because it was below the itemization threshold. An additional refund in the amount of \$2800 was issued on 3/22/21. This was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

Jay Wessels: A refund in the amount of \$200 was issued on 11/24/20. This was not itemized on the Year End Report because it was below the itemization threshold.

NRA-Political Victory Fund: A refund in the amount of \$4950 was issued on 3/22/21. This was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

National Drug and Alcohol Screening Association Federal PAC: The Committee was not aware that this PAC has not qualified for multi-candidate status. The PAC did not inform the Committee of their status at the time the contribution was made. A refund in the amount of \$2200 was issued on 3/22/21. This was disclosed on the April 15, 2021 Quarterly Report.

The Committee is in the process of moving its database to a new compliance software that will more accurately track contributor aggregates. This new system also has more up to date reports that will assist in identifying duplicate donors and will alert the Committee to excessive donors. This will ensure that donors are refunded within the 60-day window.

- 3.Contributions disclosed as received after the date of the primary were received thru earmarks received by the Committee after the Primary but processed by the contributor on or before the primary date.
- 4.The contributor disclosed with a foreign address was confirmed to be a U.S. citizen, and therefore, the contribution is permissible.
- 5.Contributions from LLC's are reviewed and verified to be from permissible funds prior to deposit. Partner attributions have been requested and will be disclosed if and when received by the Committee. If the Committee receives additional information indicating that any contribution from an LLC is made with corporate funds, it will be refunded promptly.
- 6.Your letter indicates there were three refunds issued, but no original contribution was itemized:

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General Cigar PAC: Your request for additional information dated July 9, 2020 informed the Committee that this PAC had not qualified for multi-candidate status. The refund in question was issued as a result of that request. Contributions to the primary were previously disclosed on 6/30/16, 6/30/18, and 3/31/20.

Linda Levy: This donor gave multiple times thru WinRed. The \$6300 refund on 8/7/20 was for the 2020 General, not the 2020 Primary.

Marlene Malek: This donor received a refund for her excessive contribution, then also processed a chargeback thru her credit card company as well. Unfortunately, we were unable to cancel the chargeback.

As mentioned above, the Committee will be working with an updated software product for this current election cycle, which will mitigate many of the issues identified in this request for additional information.

Thank you for bringing these items to our attention.

Sincerely,
Lisa Lisker
Assistant Treasurer